THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) I The following three taxi stands in the ! National Capital Territory of Delhi have been identified for removal:—

(i) Indian Taxi Services, fyao Tula Ram Marg, Sec. VIII, R. K? Puram;

(ii) Yadav Taxi Service, Rao Tula Ram Marg, Sec. VIII, R.K. Puram; and

(iii) Rao Taxi Stand, Africa Avenue Road, Bhikaji Cama Place.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) No complaint of any nature has been received from any quarter for removal of taxi stand located at Sector-12, R.K. Puram (near dispensary). There is, therefore, no proposal under consideration for removal of this taxi stand.

Crime-Rate in Bihar

3424. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM-
BHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar tops in crime and that 16 persons are killed every hours there;

(b) if so, the number of crimes committed in Bihar from 1991 to 1996, year-wise;

(c) the corresponding crime figures during 1991 and 1996 with respect to other States and Union territories; and

(d) Government's reaction to this alarming rise in crime in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Available information about the incidence of cognizable crime (IPC) in the country during the period 1991 to 1996 is enclosed. *[See Appendix 180, Annexure No. 70]*

(d) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, the registration, investiga-lion, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the concern of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government also been assisting the States by way of sharing intgelligence, extending financial support for strengthening their policing infrastructure and providing guidelines for improving the functioning of Criminal Justice system.

SPG Security cover for Ex-Prime Ministers

3425. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing SPG Security cover to all the ex-Prime Ministers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the SPG security is also provided to the family members of all ex-Prime Ministers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount being spent on this security covers per-annum; and

(f) whether Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda, an ex-Prime Minister is also covered under SPG security cover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) As per the provisions of the SPG Act, as amended, SPG is responsible for providing security to the former Prime Ministers and their immediate Family members for a period of ten years from the date of demission of their offices. However, due to shortage of manpower, SPG has not been able to extend its cover to 4 of its protectees (immediate family members).

(e) It is not possible to give the exact figures of expenditure incurred by the